number of causal labourers had been decasualised in North East-Frontier Railway, but till date nothing has been done for their re-employment though assured by the Government from time to time;

(b) whether any measures have been taken by the Government for their re-employment; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

New Trains/Bogies for NCR

3153. SHRI B.L. SHARMA 'PREM' : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of feel concerned about the necessity of providing maximum facilities to the commuters from the towns in the National Capital Region as a measure of decongesting the capital; and

(b) if so, the plans of the Ministry for providing additional trains/bogies connecting the towns in the National Capital Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Main Line Electrical Multiple Units, Electrical Multiple Units and Diesel Multiple Push-Pull services are being provided, depending upon traffic justification, operational feasibility and resource availability.

[Translation]

National Zoological Park

3154. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of various animals/birds in the National Zoological Park in Delhi as on date;

(b) the total amount spent by the Government on their maintenance during the last three years, item-wise;

(c) whether much attention is not paid towards the maintenance of the animals/birds kept here and even food is not provided to them on time;

(d) if so, whether the Government have received some complaints in this regard during the last three years;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the remedial action being taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) The total number of various animals/birds in the National Zoological Park in Delhi on 31.7.1996 is 1397.

(b) The total amount spent by the Government on maintenance of animals item-wise during the last three years is given in the statement enclosed.

(c) It is evident from the items mentioned in the Annexure-I of reply at (b) above that sufficient attention is being paid for the maintenance of animals including supply of food as per their requirements. Further the Veterinary Officer at Zoo inspects the quality of ration daily before delivery and the Zoo Rangers, Head Keepers and even the Zoo Director takes round in the fields to ensure proper distribution of food and surprise checks are made invariably.

(d) and (e). Some news items have appeared in the press from time to time for lack of vetertinary facilities, poor quality of water in the animal enclosures and meats, inadequate display area for some animals etc.

(f) Steps taken to enhance care of animals in Delhi Zoo, includes the improvement of veterinary care and carrying out, in phases, the recommendations made by Central Zoo Authority for better housing facilities and upkeep of animals.

STATEMENT

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Items	Years		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4
1. Feeding charges for Zoo animals	39.18	43.79	49.96
2. Water Charges for providing filter water for animals	10.00 *	*61.00 (*including retrospective areas)	18.00
3. Electricity charges for cooling & heating arrangements and additional connections to animal enclosures.	14.00	20.00	21.50
4. Improvement of animals enclosure and major renovations to the Veterinary facilities.	17.72	34.89	34.51
5. Medicines for animals	0.84	1.69	0.80
6. Sanitary improvements and exchange of animals.	8.00	12.00	5.35
7. Repairs and maintenance of animal enclosures & other buildings.	36.52	31.11	39.00